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Applicant: YUMIKO KAWANO ET AL.  
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SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated August 18, 2003. In the Office Action, the Examiner set a term for response of one month. Thus, the response would have been due on September 18, 2003. The PTO was closed on Thursday and Friday, September 18 and 19, 2003. Accordingly, the response filed on Monday, September 22, 2003, is timely.

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